

## Lecture 6 — 15th March

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## 6.1 Control design in frequency domain

This design method can be used only for systems with no poles on right-half of the complex plane, i.e. with  $\Re[p_i] \leq 0$ .

### 6.1.1 Analysis of second order system $W_{II}(s)$

In the frequency domain a second order system can be described as

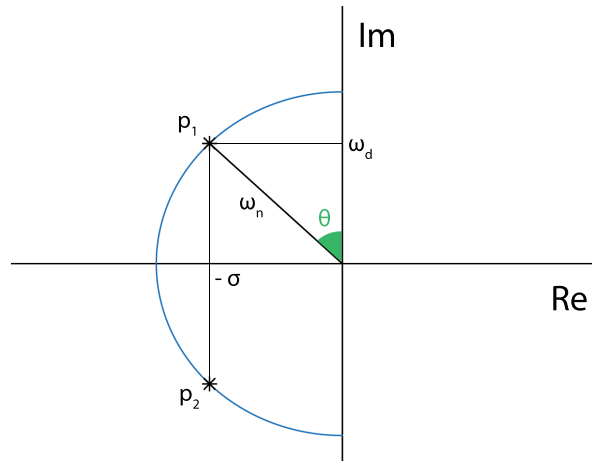
$$W_{II}(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\xi\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

where  $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$  is the *damping coefficient* and  $\omega_n$  is the *natural frequency*. From this description we can plot the poles in the complex plane:

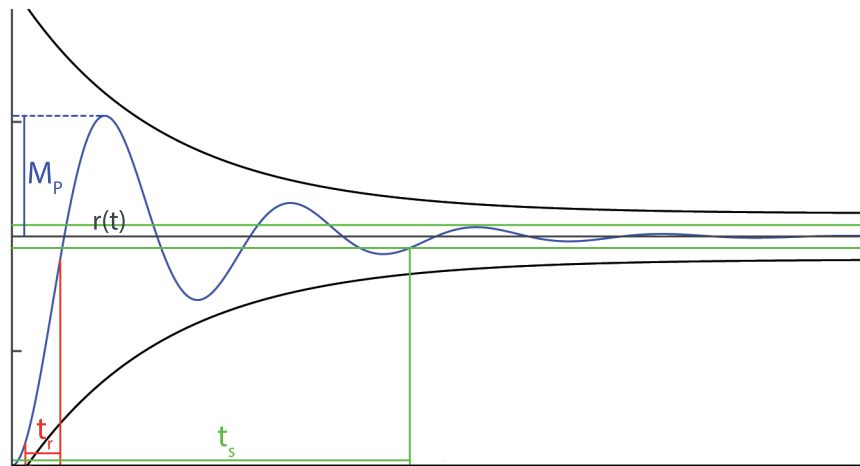
$$\Im[p_1] = -\Im[p_2] = \omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \xi^2}$$

$$\Re[p_1] = \Re[p_2] = \sigma = \xi\omega_n$$

$$\sin \theta = \xi$$



**Figure 6.1.** Poles in the complex plane



**Figure 6.2.** Step response of a second order system with raising time ( $t_r$ ), settling time ( $t_{s,1\%}$ ) and overshoot ( $M_p$ )

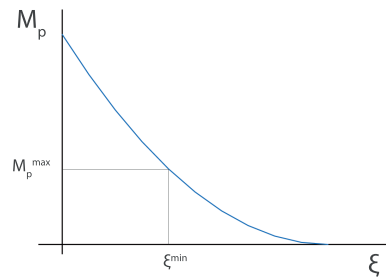
For this kind of systems the step response looks like 6.2, where we can define:

- $t_r$ , the time that the step response takes to change from 10% to 90% of the reference signal, called *raising time*;
- $t_{s,1\%}$ , the time that the step response takes to enter and remain within  $\pm 1\%$  of the reference signal, called *settling time*;
- $M_p$ , the the maximum peak value of the step response measured from the reference signal, called *overshoot*.

### 6.1.2 Relationship between the time domain specs and the frequency domain parameters

The relationship between the raising time, the settling time and the overshoot with the natural frequency and the damping coefficient are:

- $t_r = \frac{1.8}{\omega_n}$
- $t_{s,1\%} = \frac{4.6}{\xi\omega_n}$
- $M_p = e^{-\pi \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}}}$



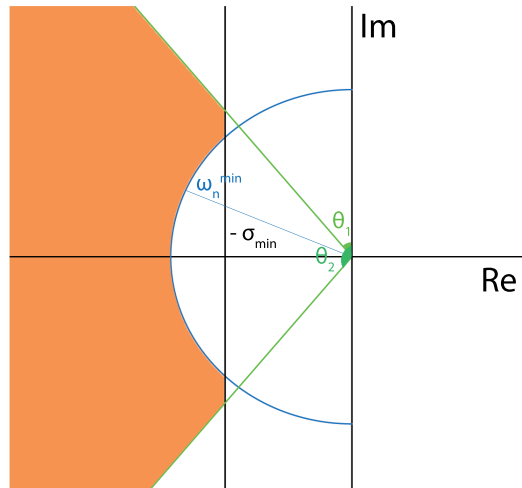
**Figure 6.3.** Overshoot  $M_p$  as a function of damping coefficient  $\xi$

Given a set of required specifications  $t_r^{\max}$ ,  $t_{s,1\%}^{\max}$  and  $M_p^{\max}$ , we can use these formulas to derive an area in the complex plane where to place the poles in order to satisfy the required specifications:

- $t_r \leq t_r^{\max} \Rightarrow \omega_n \geq \frac{1.8}{t_r^{\max}} = \omega^{\min}$
- $t_{s,1\%} \leq t_{s,1\%}^{\max} \Rightarrow \sigma \geq \frac{4.6}{t_{s,1\%}^{\max}} = \sigma^{\min}$
- $M_p \leq M_p^{\max} \Rightarrow \xi \geq \xi^{\min}$  (as we can infer from Fig. 6.3)  $\Rightarrow \theta \geq \theta^{\min}$

By considering all these conditions simultaneously, we can identify the *performance area* as the orange area in figure 6.4. We can see that:

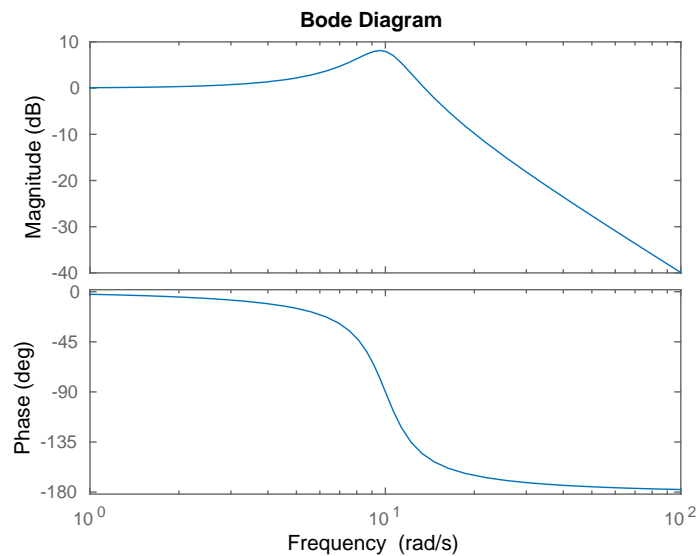
- all points outside the circle of radius  $\omega_n^{\min}$  have natural frequency greater than  $\omega_n^{\min}$  and so the system is sufficiently fast;
- all points to the left of the vertical line in  $-\sigma_{\min}$  have real part in absolute value greater than  $-\sigma_{\min}$  and then the settling time is small enough;



**Figure 6.4.** Area where we can place the poles to obtain the desired raising time, settling time and overshoot

- all points in the cone between  $-\theta^{min}$  and  $\theta^{min}$  satisfy the conditions on overshoot.

The position of the poles changes the *resonance peak*  $M_r$  and *resonance frequency*  $\omega_r$  (see figure 6.5). In fact the resonance frequency is  $\omega_r = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - 2\xi^2}$  and so, if we increase  $\omega_n$ , we move the peak of resonance to the right. The height of the peak depends on  $\xi$ . If  $\xi \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  there is no resonant peak, while the peak  $M_r$  tends to infinity as  $\xi$  tends to 0.



**Figure 6.5.** Bode plot of second order system

### 6.1.3 From conditions on closed-loop transfer function to conditions on open-loop transfer function

The second order system  $W_{II}(s)$  is the system that is obtained from the feedback on system  $G(s)$ , the open-loop system, which includes the plant and the controller.

$$W_{II}(s) = \frac{G_{II}(s)}{1 + G_{II}(s)} \Rightarrow G_{II}(s) = \frac{\omega_n^2}{s(s + 2\xi\omega_n)}$$

The conditions on  $\omega_n$  and  $\xi$  of system  $W_{II}(s)$  can be expressed as condition on the *phase margin*  $\varphi_m$  and *crossing frequency*  $\omega_c$  of the system  $G_{II}(s)$ . Using a change of variable  $s \rightarrow s' = \frac{s}{2\xi\omega_n} \Rightarrow s = 2\xi\omega_n s'$  we obtain

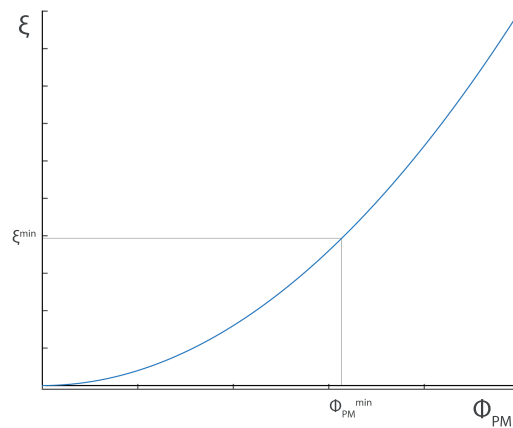
$$G_{II}(s') = \frac{\omega_n^2}{2\xi^2\omega_n s'(s' + 1)} = \frac{1}{2\xi^2 s'(s' + 1)}$$

Nyquist plots of  $G_{II}(s)$  and  $G_{II}(s')$  are the same, so  $\varphi_m$  is the same for both transfer functions. The relationship between  $\varphi_m$  and  $\xi$  is

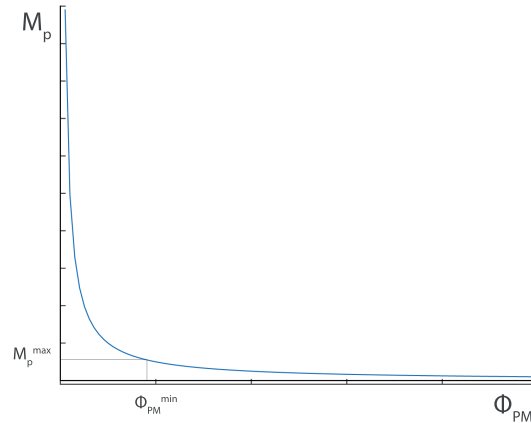
$$\varphi_m = \text{atan} \left( \frac{2\xi}{\sqrt{1 + 4\xi^4 - 2\xi^2}} \right)$$

as depicted in Fig. 6.6.

For what concern the crossing coefficient we will consider the approximation  $\omega_c \simeq \omega_n$ .



**Figure 6.6.** Damping coefficient  $\xi$  as a function of phase margin  $\varphi_m$



**Figure 6.7.** Approximate dependence of overshoot  $M_p$  as a function of the phase margin  $\varphi_m$

### 6.1.4 Conclusions

The damping coefficient  $\xi$  as a function of  $\varphi_m$  of  $G_{II}(s)$  is monotonically increasing, so we have to achieve a sufficiently great  $\varphi_m$  in order to get  $\xi$  and  $t_{s,1\%}$  for the closed-loop system that satisfy the specifics.

As we have seen, raising time and natural frequency satisfy  $t_r = \frac{1.8}{\omega_n}$  and, assuming  $\omega_n = \omega_c$ ,  $t_r = \frac{1.8}{\omega_c}$ ; therefore the bigger is the crossing frequency the faster is the response of closed-loop system.

For the overshoot, we know that  $M_p$  is monotonically decreasing with  $\xi$  and  $\xi$  is monotonically increasing as a function of  $\varphi_m$  of  $G_{II}(s)$ , therefore  $M_p$  is monotonically decreasing with  $\varphi_m$  (see picture 6.7). As so the larger the phase margin is, the smaller the overshoot is.

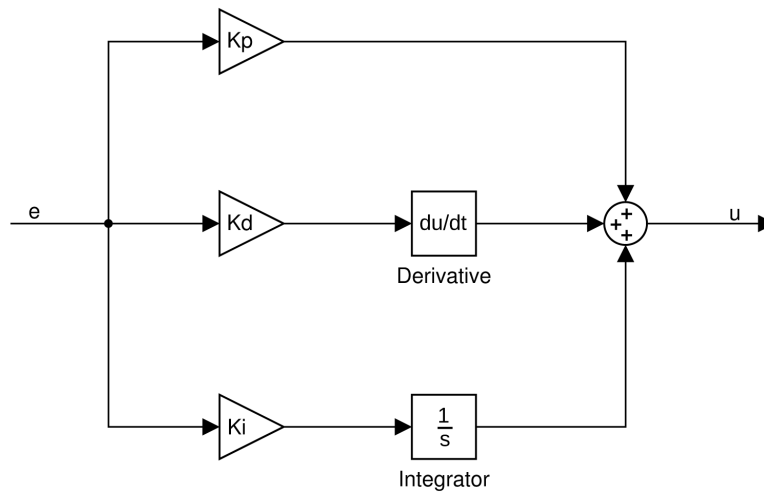
## 6.2 Design of a PID controller

The open-loop transfer function is  $G(s) = C(s)P(s)$  and we want  $C(s)$  such that  $\omega_c$  and  $\varphi_m$  of  $G(s)$  are as desired.

The PID controller has a proportional part, an integral part and a derivative part (see picture 6.8); the transfer function is  $C(s) = K_P + \frac{K_I}{s} + K_D s$ .

The design's purpose is to determine the gains ( $K_P, K_I, K_D$ ) such that the closed-loop system satisfies the required specifics ( $t_r, t_{s,1\%}, M_p$ ), from which we can derive, as written before, ( $\omega_c^*, \varphi_m^*$ ). In order to change the  $\omega_c$  we will change the magnitude of  $C(s)$  while in order to change  $\varphi_m$  we will change the phase of  $C(s)$ . Magnitude and phase of  $G(s)$  can be expressed as:

- $|G(j\omega)|_{dB} = |C(j\omega)|_{dB} |P(j\omega)|_{dB}$
- $\angle G(j\omega) = \angle C(j\omega) + \angle P(j\omega)$



**Figure 6.8.** PID's scheme

The three components of the PID are:

- $C(s) = K_P$  (see figure 6.9);
- $C(s) = \frac{K_I}{s}$  (see figure 6.10);
- $C(s) = K_D s$  (see figure 6.11);

Each component of a PID modifies in a different way the magnitude and the phase of the open-loop system. In the following table we can see the pros and the cons for using one of the components.

	PROS	CONS
Proportional	- choose $\omega_c$	- no control on $\varphi_m$
Integral	- guarantees zero steady state error - removes possible constant input disturbances	- reduces $\varphi_m$
Derivative	- augment $\varphi_m$	- amplifies measurement noise

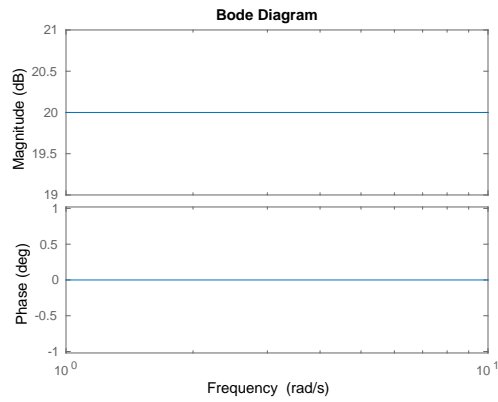


Figure 6.9. Bode plot of a proportional controller

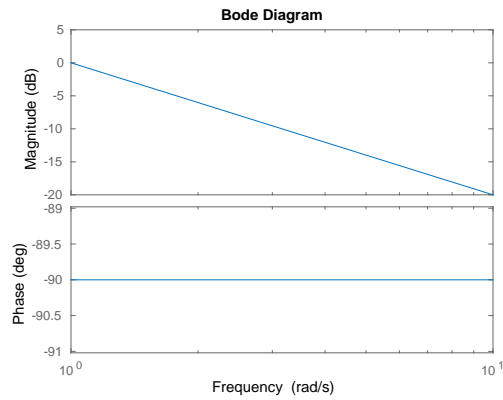


Figure 6.10. Bode plot of an integrative controller

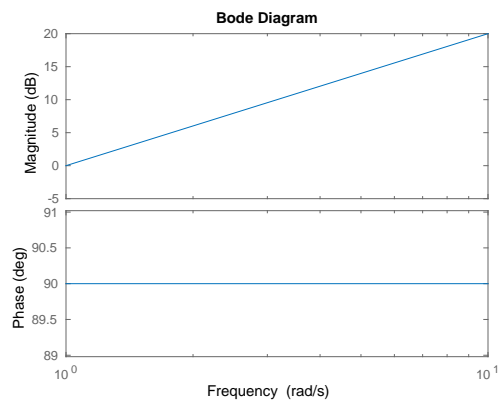


Figure 6.11. Bode plot of a derivative controller